

# CIA director sees trust as key to success

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MALIBU — Trust is the key to success in both the public and private sector, retiring CIA Director William H. Webster said Saturday.

Webster brought this message in a commencement address to 457 graduates of Pepperdine University's School of Business and Management, and more than 1,000 of their family members and friends.

Webster's career has been divided between public and private sectors. A former attorney, he has served the federal government the past 26 years as a judge, and director of the FBI and the CIA.

Webster was to retire July 31, but at President George Bush's request he agreed July 23 to stay an extra month because questions about Bush nominee Robert Gates' involvement in the Iran-Contra affair. Gates has served as deputy national security advisor for the last 2½ years and before that he worked more than 20 years for the CIA.

The CIA has proven it is trustworthy and made all records available the past 4½ years as Congress has requested in its investigation of the Iran-Contra matter, Webster said.

The media distorted what really happened, and continuing investigations will prove those allegations of CIA wrongdoing are false and misleading, he said.

Public servants must remember they are accountable to the American people and be trustworthy, he said.

"Americans need to have trust in their government," he said.

Webster told FBI rookies when he took over that agency

"each of you carries the reputation of the rest of us in your pocket."

A recent wave of public interest in police brutality in the wake of the police beating of motorist Rodney King is an example of why everyone in an organization or profession needs to act with integrity.

"Things work better when people trust each other," he said.

An example is that even facing high costs, Johnson-Johnson kept the public's faith and therefore the public's business when it removed \$130 million worth of Tylenol from grocery shelves following the cyanide poisonings in the mid-1980s, he said.

If you make a place in your lives for service, duty and trust, Webster told the graduates, "it will reward you in your life 10-fold."

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Outgoing CIA director William Webster addresses the Pepperdine School of Business and Management graduates Saturday morning in Malibu.